Genuine Temporary Entrant (GTE) Interview & Checklist

In carrying out a GTE Check you must consider whether the student genuinely intends to stay in Australia temporarily for the purpose of completing the chosen course of study, having regard to:

(a) The student’s circumstances;
(b) The student’s immigration history;
(c) If the Student is a minor, the intentions of a parent, legal guardian or spouse of the student; and
(d) Any other relevant matter.

The questions below will assist you in verifying whether a prospective student is a Genuine Temporary Entrant and Genuine Student and whether they will be eligible to obtain a student visa to study at UNSW Sydney.

1. Genuine Temporary Entrant and Genuine Student

Questions for the Student:
- What program have you applied for? Why did you choose this course?
- What courses do you find of interest and why?
- What skills and capability are you expecting to gain from the Program?
- What value will this course add to your future career in your home country?
- What are your intentions when you finish this course?

Notes for the Agent: you can check course relevance here:
- UNSW Indicative Fees: [http://indicativefees.unsw.edu.au/](http://indicativefees.unsw.edu.au/)

2. Authenticity of Academic Documents

Notes for the Agent:
- Are the academic documents provided original, do they appear genuine?
- If you have any concerns have you done a back to source check to verify their authenticity?

3. Student Visa Obligations

Questions/Information for the Student:
- Have you ever been denied an Australian visa of any type? Have you been denied a visa from any country other than Australia? If you have been denied a student visa, please provide program details.
- Are you aware that of your work entitlements on a student visa? What are they?
  
  [work cannot commence until your course starts and after then work may be a maximum of 40 hours per fortnight when your course is in session and unlimited when your course is not in session]
- Are you aware that an Australian student visa requires you to study full-time?
- Are you aware that UNSW Sydney will only issue deferrals or releases in limited circumstances once you arrive onshore?
- Are you aware that if you do not comply with the requirements of your student visa UNSW Sydney is required to cancel your CoE and report this to the Department of Home Affairs?
- Are you aware that you are required to have and maintain Overseas Student Health Cover for your time in Australia?
- Are you aware that you must have sufficient financial resources to study and live in Australia for the entire duration of your course?
4. Sufficient Financial Resources

Questions for the Student:

- What is the approximate annual fee for your course?
- How will you pay for your course?
- Do you know what the approximate living costs are for studying in Australia?
  
  [From 1 February 2018, the 12-month living cost is: student or guardian - AUD20,290, partner or spouse - AUD7,100 and child - AUD3,040]
- How will you pay for your living costs?
- Will you have any family coming to join you in Australia?
- [If applicable] How will you pay for the living costs of your dependants and spouse?

Notes for the Agent:

- You will need to see evidence of the student’s financial capacity, which may be one of the following:

  1. **Evidence of funds:**
     Must cover funds to cover travel to Australia and 12 months' living, course fees and (for school aged dependants) schooling costs for the student and accompanying family members.

     If applying outside Australia, include AUD2,000 (except if applying from East or Southern Africa, include AUD2,500; West Africa include AUD3,000).

     If applying in Australia, include AUD1,000 (except if returning to Africa, include AUD1,500).

     Where school aged children are included in your student visa application, schooling costs of at least AUD8,000 per year for each child will need to be added to the amount of funds required. You are responsible for researching schooling costs, which vary between states, territories and schools in Australia.

  2. **Evidence that the student meets the annual income requirement:**
     The annual income option requires a student to provide evidence of personal annual income of at least AUD 60,000.

     For students accompanied by family members, the requirement is at least AUD 70,000. The income demonstrated must be the personal income of your spouse (who is not coming with you) or parents. Where both of your parents are working, their combined income can be considered for this requirement. Evidence must be in the form of official government documents such as tax assessments. Evidence in the form of bank statements or information directly from an employer is not acceptable.

- You will need to see that the student has genuine access to the funds whilst in Australia. When considering whether funds will be genuinely available, relevant information and supporting evidence includes:
  - the nature of the relationship between the student and the person who is providing the funds, where applicable
  - the student’s income, assets and employment or those of the person providing the funds
  - evidence of financial support history
  - the source of funds for any lump sum deposits including identity documents for the person(s) providing the funds or evidence that the business is currently operating for funds provided by a business.

- You will also need to consider the authenticity of the documents provided, are they original and do they seem genuine. If you have any doubts, have you done a back to source check?